WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1951

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SENATE BILL NO. 37

(By Mr. Allen)

PASSED February 19, 1951

In Effect Ninety days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section five, article seven, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended by chapter ninety-six, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, relating to licensing and registration of nurses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section five, article seven, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended by chapter ninety-six, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 5. **Renewal of License; Reinstatement; Fees Required; Penalties.**—The license of every nurse regis-
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3 tered in this state shall be annually renewed except as
4 hereinafter provided. On or before January first, one
5 thousand nine hundred fifty-two, the board shall mail an
6 application for renewal of license to every known, active,
7 nurse who has ever been licensed as a nurse in West
8 Virginia. At such time or times as the board may in its
9 discretion determine each year thereafter, the board
10 shall mail a renewal application to every nurse whose
11 license was renewed during the previous year and each
12 such nurse shall fill in such application blank and return
13 it to the board with a renewal fee of one dollar within
14 thirty days after receipt of said renewal application: Pro-
15 vided, however, That said renewal fee of one dollar may
16 be increased to such amount, but not to exceed five dol-
17 lars, as the board may fix with the concurrence of a
18 majority of the registered nurses practicing the nursing
19 profession in the State of West Virginia at the time any
20 such increase is made effective. Upon receipt of the ap-
21 plication and fee the board shall verify the accuracy of
22 the application and issue to the applicant a certificate of
23 renewal for the current year. Such certificate of renewal
shall render the holder thereof a legal practitioner for
the period stated on the certificate of renewal. Any li-
censee who allows his or her license to lapse by failing
to renew the license as provided above may be rein-
statement fee of two dollars to the board. Any per-
son practicing nursing during the time his or her license
has lapsed shall be considered an illegal practitioner and
shall be subject to the penalties provided for violation of
this article. A person licensed under the provisions of
this article desiring to retire from practice temporarily
shall send a written notice to the board. Upon receipt of
such notice the board shall place the name of such person
upon the nonpracticing list. While remaining on this
list the person shall not be subject to the payment of any
renewal fees and shall not practice nursing in the state.
When the person desires to resume practice, application
for renewal of license and payment of the renewal fee for
the current year shall be made to the board.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

[Signature]
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect [blank] day from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the [blank] day of [blank], 1951.

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Governor

[Stamp] in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia. FEB 17-1951 FEB 14 1951

D. Pitt O'Brien, Secretary of State.